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APPLICANT : KUMAR, Vijay, et al.  
 SERIAL NO : 10/007,866  
 FILED : December 6, 2001  
 TITLE : BIODEGRADABLE OXIDIZED CELLULOSE ESTERS

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## AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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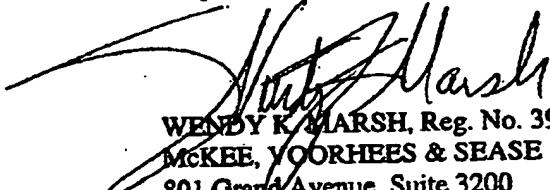
With respect to new claim 41, Formula II states that X cannot be H. Bogan et al. therefore does not anticipate claim 41. Bogan also does not render claim 41 since, as already extensively argued above, Bogan does not teach or suggest the formation of a biodegradable oxidized cellulose ester.

**IV. Conclusion**

It is believed the application is in a *prima facie* condition for allowance. Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for two months from June 25, 2005 to August 25, 2005. Applicant is a small entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account number 26-0084 in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the cost of the two-month extension. Please also charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$100.00 for one new independent claim over three. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

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